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A period of feinting and maneuvering between ideological antagonists. Aircraft approach escorted groups and are chased away. Non-protected, non-escorted vessels subject to interdiction, harassing activities and outright attacks. small-boat/commando attack on a land facility on the west shore of a large body of water (the Gulf?). AOL/S impression of direct aircraft interdiction of a military facility (AOL missile site) somewhat inland on the eastern side of large body of water. Impression of a helicopter crash resulting in injuries/fatalities; body being hoisted from water. damage to or destruction of a large maritime target located as indicated in sketch below-approximately 2/3 of way through the time window.

Impression is that the primary antagonist doesn't want to directly provoke the escorting power; can't afford the consequences direct provocation would bring, since loss of any resources in such an unproductive manner would seriously affect national goals or well-being. Intent is to keep escorting power pushed to the line, but no further, trying to wear down ability or desire to persist in current policy direction—attacking and wearing down low risk economic targets all around escorting power, but leaving the power itself alone.

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AOL/s of aircraft exploding in air, impression of missile contrail leading from afterdeck of surface vessel to aircraft. Impression of a vessel rescuing people from water around another vessel--perhaps burning. Doesn't seem to have been an escorted vessel but an "object Tesson"--victimized in vicinity of escorting and escorted vessels as form of intimidation. impression of submarine; further impression of ships sitting idly because of admin or bureaucratic holdup.

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seagoing vessels attempting to execute a wide turn to avoid some threat. This threat seemed to have something to do with the air or aircraft. Something is fired at the vessel, missing it, to be followed by an additional firing which strikes, causing smoke and an extremely large explosion. Vessel ceases its forward motion, people are perceived leaving it rapidly. Further impression of a grey, smaller vessel performing actions that seem aggressive in nature, perhaps involving the discharge of weapons, with a slight sense of defense. A later incident, which seems to occur in the last week of the month involves another grey vessel, AOL/S warship attempting to counter apparent belligerent actions directed at it from both the air and from small, darting, quick surface craft. Impression of some damage to the grey vessel, but also to the air and surface threats directed against it as well. AOL/S impression of location of this incident is as below:

Unrelated AOL or AOL/S impression. Concept of a potential violent activity aimed/directed at the Pope during his visit to the U.S. Impression of turmoil/disturbance in a crowd in front of a raised open-air area with steps to the front and side. Sudden perception of consternation/shock/disbelief on the face of someone apparently connected with the entourage. No indication that the Pope himself is directly affected or impacted by this potential violent act. There is some suggestion of an injury to someone's hand in connection with this incident.